

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H 3917 General Bill, By Clemmons, W. Newton, W. Cox and Pope**

***Similar (S 0447, S 0487)***

**Summary:** SC Electronic Notary Public Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 26 TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRONIC NOTARY PUBLIC ACT" AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 26 TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIZATION ACT" BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOTARIZATION OF DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS AND FOR REMOTELY LOCATED INDIVIDUALS, SETTINGS FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTANCE FOR RECORDING BY A REGISTER OF MESNE CONVEYANCES IN A COUNTY OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS IN TANGIBLE FORM, CHARGING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE ACT AND ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR THE NOTARIZATION OF DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS AND FOR REMOTELY LOCATED INDIVIDUALS, AND DEFINING NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 26-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE FAILURES OF NOTARIES PUBLIC TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES OR MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT INVALIDATE NOTARIAL ACTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 26-1-270 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAPTER 1, TITLE 26 AND CERTAIN FEDERAL STATUTES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-5-31 SO AS TO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 26-1-5, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING NOTARIES PUBLIC, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND BY DESIGNATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 26 AS "ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS".

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